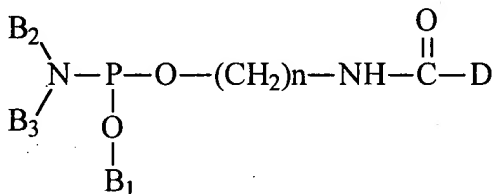


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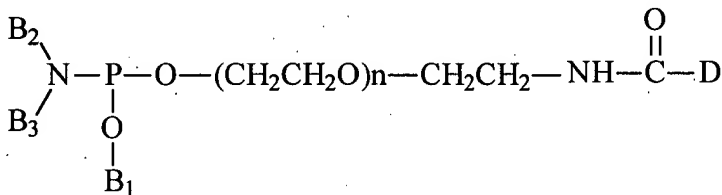
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Page 20, line 13 replace FORMULA V.1 with:



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Page 20, line 18 replace FORMULA V.2 with:



15 III. REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111, reconsideration of the Office Action mailed October 1, 1998 in the above identified application is respectfully requested.

20 Claims 1-37 are pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. The Rejection

25 p. 2 The Examiner rejects claims 1-37 as being unpatentable over Lee because:

- (1) Lee teaches a xanthene dye compound, CAS Registry No. 142975-78-8 corresponding to Figure 6, g. ddG-bifluor compound in Lee, p. 2478
- (2) Lee also teaches the various phosphoramidate derivatives, and the methods of sequencing and polynucleotide fragment analysis.

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